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COTTON ACREAGE, CATTLE BREEDING INCREASED;
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PLANTING IN SOUTH HOPEH INCREASED -- Hua Shang Pao, 10 Jun 49

After more than one month of hard work, the farmers of five special districts (Chuan-ch'u) in Southern Hopeh Province have completed planting 783,333 acres of cotton. This is an increase of 166,666 acres compared to last year. It is expected that the 1949 yield will total 200,000 tons.

CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES REORGANIZED -- Ta Kung Pao, 11 Jun 49

Consumers' cooperatives in T'ien-ching are now being reorganized. As of 5 May 1949, there were 137 cooperatives in T'ien-ching, but because of incompetent managers in both the main and district offices, many of them have not been operated properly.

Later in May the Shen-yang (Mukden) city committee and the municipal government held a joint meeting to consider establishment of additional cooperatives and improvement of those already existing in Shen-yang. Mayor Chu Ch'i-wen (Jeda: 4717, 605, 4321) pointed out that, during the past 3 months of operation, great success has been attained in improving operating methods, supplying daily necessities to workers and people, and paying workers' wages in consumer goods. At present, however, there are only 38 consumers' cooperatives for 120,000 workers of state-owned enterprises in Shen-yang, which is still inadequate. Furthermore, of the 38, only 22 cooperatives, supplying 17,900 workers, have passed government inspection. Mayor Ch'i-wen is planning to build at least one cooperative for each factory and each district.

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NORTHEAST CHINA PLANS LIVESTOCK INCREASE -- Wen-hui Pao, 14 Jun 49

Shen-yin -- The livestock breeders' conference, sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Northeast Executive Committee, ended on 29 May 1949 in Shen-yin.

The conference reported that during the first half of this year great progress was made in the field of treatment and prevention of contagious diseases in animals. The goal for the second half of 1949 includes continuation and completion of animal inoculations, increased breeding by means of artificial insemination, and the use of the mating system, or inbreeding and outbreeding methods.

Wei Chen-wu (14084, 3799, 135) Deputy Minister of Agriculture, predicted that if artificial insemination and the mating system are adhered to properly, Northeast China could increase draft cattle by 100,000 and sheep by 30,000 by the end of 1950.

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